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PROMOTION OF ORGANIC FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote organic farming in the country; and

(b) the present status of the organic farming in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): In order to promote organic farming for export market, the National Steering Committee set up by Ministry of Commerce approved on 2nd May, 2001, the National Programme for Organic Production under which model organic farms have been set up,awareness programmes have been taken up, standards accreditation procedures, inspection and certification procedures etc. have been finalized.

For further promoting organic farming in the country during the Tenth Plan, a proposal for a new scheme, `National Project on Organic Farming` is under formulation bythe Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, which includes setting up of a NationalOrganic Agriculture Board (NOAB), whose function will be to promote and facilitate various aspects of organic farming in the country.

(b): As per the observation of the Task Force on Organic Farming, organic farming isbeing practiced by thousands of farmers and institutions in the country though mostly in an unorganized way.